

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers, Recreation Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein, H.R. Director Sumpster, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Lt. Bazy, Senior Coordinator McBride, Attorney Mannarino, Consultant Sloan and an audience of nine (9).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, White seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session minutes of May 1, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of May 2, 2017, Prepaid List of May 5, 2017, prepaid list of May 11, 2017 and the Voucher List of May 16, 2017]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the grant award between the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) and the Township, authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement and create line items for expenses and reimbursements. Motion Carried. The Township has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$47,497 to fund a summer youth jobs program. Interviews were held on April 27, 2017. The program will offer youth employment opportunities as Community Ambassadors, Junior Administrative Assistants and Camp Counselors in Training who will be supervised by Township Departmental Directors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (1) the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A comprehensive update to the Township Zoning Ordinance was developed over the past two years and has been recommended for adoption by the subcommittee and Planning Commission. It provides a more user friendly format with hyperlinks, definitions and land use tables. Treasurer Budd thanked the Developmental Services Department Directors, Planning Commission, Planning Commission Ordinance Committee and the Township consultants for their efforts on the project.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (2) to rezone parcel V125-83-093-01-0021-001 (40631 Alden Dr.) from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1C (Single Family Residential). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The intent of the applicant is to eliminate the legal non-conforming use status of the property so they can construct an addition onto their home.

White moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2017-09 an extension of Resolution 2016-21 to defer the review of applications pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities from May 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017. Motion Carried. The extended moratorium allows the Township to review recent changes to the Medical Marijuana Licensing Act pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-16-17 to discuss an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 90 (Waterways) Sec. 90-1 to 90-97. Motion Carried. This amendment to Chapter 90 adopts state law the Township had not previously adopted and allows for adjudication at the District Court level.

Budd moved, White seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Township and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Iron Belle Trail and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: Frazier. Motion Carried. The Iron Belle Trail is the longest designated state hiking and biking trail in the nation between Belle Isle Park (Detroit) and Ironwood (Upper Peninsula). The Memorandum of Understanding allows the Township to begin a logistical assessment for the first segment of the 2.5 mile trail, in Van Buren Township, from the Huron Clinton Metro Park on Haggerty Rd. running along Huron River Dr. to Edgemont Rd. in the City of Belleville. Trustee Frazier expressed concern over funding for completion and long term maintenance costs.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Proposal for Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services agreement between the Township and PEA Inc. for a segment of the Iron Belle Trail and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: Frazier. Motion Carried. PEA Inc. has been the sole source provider for engineering and landscape architectural services for the Iron Belle Trail. Preliminary planning suggests that approximately five easements over private properties will be necessary to complete the project. PEA Inc. will assist the Township in developing preliminary plans and easement documentation services. Their services will be funded by a grant in the amount of \$30,000 received by the Township from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve the agreement with Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2017 Fireworks Show. Motion Carried. Bids were received and Zambelli Fireworks Company is able to provide the best variety of fireworks for the \$10,000 budgeted for the display at Beck Ball Fields on June 24, 2017 (rain date June 25, 2017). Donations are being secured to cover the cost of Public Safety services during the Fireworks show.

REPORTS: The March 2017 Budgetary Report was received. A copy of the report is available at the Clerk's Office for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: Free tire disposal day at the Township Hall is June 3, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Belleville high school Junior and Senior students interested in becoming a firefighter are encouraged to apply for the dual enrollment program. Those accepted into the program will train at a Van Buren Township fire station, earn 20 college credits through Schoolcraft College and the firefighter one and two certifications upon successful completion. The Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day, on May 9, 2017 the Clerk's Office hosted the Belleville High School Student Council Election. This event has been a collaboration with the Van Buren Public School District and the Township since 2013. Approximately 60% of the students

participated and a total of 755 ballots were cast. Thirty new voters were registered and twenty Election Inspector applications were received. This year students were surveyed upon exiting the polls on their likelihood of voting in the future. An analysis of the results indicated that over 71% of the participants were highly likely or likely to vote in the future. This project is made possible by the generous donation of ballots, coding and equipment from Election Source. Election Source was also recently selected as the support team for our new voting equipment arriving this fall. Clerk Wright thanked Trustee Martin, City of Belleville Clerk Sherri Scharf, BHS Teachers Connie Testorelli and Felicia Lasenby and the Senior Student Council election workers for another successful event.

NON-AGENDA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.